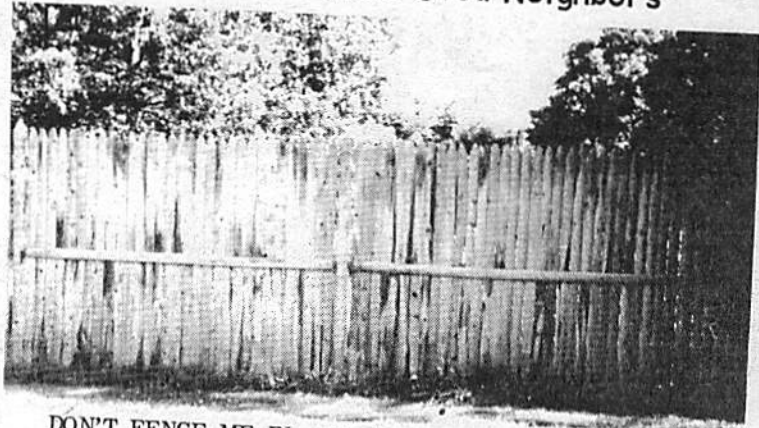


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### "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors"



DON'T FENCE ME IN -- Strains of the old western song spring to mind as this view becomes a way of life for residents on one of the oldest homes in Duxbury. The stockade fence stands just 26 feet from the front door, effectively cutting off both view and occasional seabreeze at the top of Wicked Hill.

The saddest thing of all is that this fence, built by neighbors one Sunday morning, is completely within the law. The only legal restrictions placed upon erection of fences are those laid down by the state stipulating that so long as the barricade is on the property of the erector, not erected within malicious intent AND under 6 feet in height, it is legal.

While structures such as this obviously have an adverse effect on the value of an abutting property, nothing can be done without revising the existing law or, even better, drafting an equitable ordinance at the local level.